operating in the North Eastern Region as a special quota only for use by foreign tourists paying in foreign exchange. Indian Airlines expect to increase its aircraft capacity by the acquisition of the A320 fleet in a phased manner from July 1989 and this increased capacity would create additional seats for tourists visiting the country.

Four Laning of National Highway No. 1

899. SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the length of the Sher Shah Suri Marg (National Highway No. 1) where the four laning was completed during each of the last three years; and

(z) what is the length likely to be covered by the Scheme during the next two years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a)

Year	Length completed by 4-laning (Kms.)
1986-87	2.0
1987-88	8.35
1988-89	Nil

(b) 91 Kms. of 4-laning are likely to be completed by March, 1991.

News item Captioned "No bright future for Civil Aviation"

900. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item captioned "No bright fuaure for Civil Aviation" which appeared in the 'Times of India, Bombay, dated the 14th May, 1989;

(b) if so, whether Government agree with the views expressed by Prof. P. N. Srivastava, Member Planning Commission, regarding the poor state of affairs of India's Civil Aviation; and

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative what steps Government propose to take to create bright future for Civil Aviation in the Country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) to (c) The report quoted by Prof. P. N. Srivastava, Member, Planning Commission is out of context.

Railways Owned by Private Companies

901. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any routes or Railways in the country which are owned by Private Companies and leased to Indian Railways;

(b) if so, what are the details including (i) name of the companies (ii) commencement of lease and (iii) reasons of lease;

(c) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to nationalise these routes; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, what are the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The three Company-owned Railway lines are:—

Name of the Line	Owned by	Worked since	Reasons
1. Central Provinces Railway (worked by Central Railway)	Central Provinces Company Ltd.	27-3-1916	Working of this line is with Indian Railways right from its inception.
2. Bankura Damodar River Railway (worked by South Eastern Railway)	Bankura Damodar River Railway Company Ltd.	1-7-1967	As the working of these lines in private hands was proving more uneconomical to Government, the same was, therefore, taken over by the Government to minimise the working losses.
3. Ahmedpur-Katwa Railway (worked by Eastern Railway)	Ahmedpur-Katwa Railway Company Ltd.	1-7-1967	

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The agreements with these companies provide for an option, occurring at intervals of every 10 years, to purchase the line by giving 12 months' advance notice in writing. The matter was considered in detail in 1986 with reference to financial viability, availability of alternative modes of transport. It was decided not to exercise the option in view of the recurring heavy losses suffered by the Railways in working these lines.

Seminar organised on Four Decades of Development

902. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Human Resource Development in collaboration with National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration had organised a three days seminar on "Four Decades of Development" and

(b) if so, what were the recommendations of the seminar and what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. SHIV SHANKER): (a) A Review Conference on 'Four Decades of Development' was organised jointly by the Ministry of Human Resource Development and the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA) at New Delhi from April 15—17, 1989, to review the achievements of the Ministry in various fields during the last forty years.

(b) The main recommendations of the Conference are as under:

(i) A mid-term review of the implementation of the National Policy on Education—1986 be undertaken as provided in the policy document itself.

(ii) A National Cultural Policy should be evolved by drawing upon the exquisite diversity of our heritage with particular accent on cul-